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Commissioner Jane Henney
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, Maryland 20852

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to request your support for legislation that will require clear labeling of all genetically engineered (GE) foods. I believe that as an American consumer, I deserve the right to make an informed choice when buying foods. Without labeling information, I will not be able to tell the difference between a genetically engineered and a non-GE product.

I am concerned about the introduction of genetically altered foods into American supermarkets and grocery stores for the following reasons:

- Emerging studies show that GE foods could create new toxins, antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, and other dietary risks for consumers, and should therefore not be "generally recognized as safe" (GRAS);
- Individuals with ethical or religious dietary concerns may be unwittingly consuming foods that contain genes from other species;
- GE foods pose a significant threat to the environment, as their production is often heavily dependent on non-organic agricultural methods;
- GE foods put organic foods at risk – products such as soybeans are increasingly being contaminated by "organic drift."

I strongly urge the FDA, USDA and manufacturers to suspend the further introduction of genetically engineered crops to the market without clear labeling guidelines and long-term environmental and human safety testing.

Please let me know if you intend to support this legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

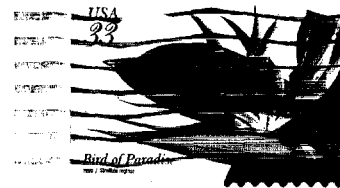


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